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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION OF PRG AND GRUNK IN INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES

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1. DURING CALL ON MFA PERMSEC BOGAARS APRIL 19,I OUTLINED
OUR CONCERN THAT QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN
REPRESENTATION WOULD BE INCREASINGLY RAISED AT
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND LEFT WITH HIM MEMORANDUM
CONTAINING LIST OF UPCOMING CONFERENCES WHERE ISSUE
MIGHT ARISE AND SETTING FORTH US POSITION AS OUT-
LINED REFTEL.

2. BOGAARS SAID MINISTRY NOW SOMEWHAT BETTER PREPARED
TO DEAL WITH THIS QUESTION THAN IT WAS AT TIME OF
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LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE IN GENEVA WHEN NO SINGAPOREAN

REP WAS PRESENT, AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MEMORANDUM. HE SAID POSITION GOS HAD TAKEN IN PAST HAD NOT BEEN TOO RIGID AND STILL DEPENDED SOMEWHAT ON THE WAY THE ISSUE CAME UP. HOWEVER, IN GENERAL, GOS WOULD PURSUE FOLLOWING GENERAL POLICY LINE IN DEALING WITH EACH CHALLENGE TO THE GVN OR GKR AND EACH REQUEST FOR PRG OR GRUNK REPRESENTATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

A. IF PARTICULAR RESOLUTION INVOLVED OUSTING GVN OR GKR FROM A GIVEN ORGANIZATION, GOS WOULD OPPOSE IT.

B. IF RESOLUTION INVOLVED ADMITTING PRG OR GRUNK WITHOUT OUSTING GVN OR GKR, GOS WOULD ABSTAIN. (BOGAARS NOTED THAT IN GENERAL GOS THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER TO LET CAMBODIANS AND VIETNAMESE DEAL WITH THESE QUESTIONS THEMSELVES.)

C. IF RESOLUTION WERE PROCEDURAL IN NATURE, GOS WOULD SUPPORT GVN AND GKR.

3. I EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR HIS FRANK EXPOSITION OF GOS POLICY AND REVIEWED ARGUMENTS WHY I THOUGHT GOS SHOULD RECONSIDER POLICY OF ABSTAINING ON ADMISSION OF GRUNK OR PRG IN SITUATIONS WHICH DID NOT INVOLVE OUSTING LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTS. I ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IF GOS REGARDED ISSUE AS ONE FOR CAMBODIANS AND VIETNAMESE TO SETTLE THEMSELVES, IT COULD BE ARGUED THAT ANY REQUEST FOR ADMISSION BY GRUNK OR PRG WHICH HAD NO LEGITIMATE STANDING WAS ESSENTIALLY A PROCEDURAL MATTER WHICH SHOULD BE REFERRED TO LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT TO SORT OUT AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE REJECTED AS A MATTER OF PROCEDURE. BOGAARS APPRECIATED THE POINT BUT REITERATED THAT IN A STRAIGHT VOTE ON ADMISSION OF PRG AND GRUNK WHICH DID NOT INVOLVE OUSTER OF GVN OR GKR, GOS WOULD HAVE TO ABSTAIN. SRCRONK

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